

REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation that, in the Office Action dated April 26, 2006, claims 6, 10-15, 21, 25-30, 36 and 40-45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 1-5, 7-9, 16-20, 22-24, 31-35 and 37-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Maejima et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,335,339).

In response, Applicant has rewritten the "objected to" claims 6, 21 and 36 in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims as new independent claims 46, 50 and 54, respectively. Applicant has also rewritten the "objected to" claims 14, 29 and 44 in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims as new independent claims 48, 52 and 56, respectively. Applicant has also rewritten the "objected to" claims 15, 30 and 45 in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims as new independent claims 49, 53 and 57, respectively.

With respect to the "objected to" claims 12 and 13, Applicant has rewritten these claims in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims as new independent claims 47 by combining most of the subject matter of claims 12 and 13. Similarly, claims 27 and 28 were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims as new independent claims 51 by combining most of the subject matter of claims 27 and 28, and claims 42 and 43 were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claims as new independent claims 55 by combining most of the subject matter of claims 42 and 43. As amended, Applicant respectfully asserts that the new independent claims 47, 51 and 55 are in condition for allowance.

With respect to the "objected to" claims 10 and 11, Applicant has amended the independent claim 1 to include a limitation of "*drawing a second graphic directional*

indicator that graphically contacts said graphic directional indicator,” which is common in both claims 10 and 11. Applicant respectfully asserts that the added limitation is not disclosed in the cited reference of Maejima et al., and requests that the amended independent claim 1 be allowed. The independent claim 16 was similarly amended in response to the “objected to” claims 25 and 26, while the independent claim 31 was similarly amended in response to the “objected to” claims 40 and 41. As a result, the dependent claims 10, 11, 25, 26, 40 and 41 were amended to reflect the amendments to the independent claims 1, 16 and 31. The dependent claim 24 was also amended to correct a minor informality.

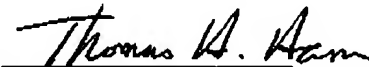
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the claim amendments and the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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